

SṬAKTA XIII. (XIII.)

The deity, *Bi<hi*, and metre as before.

1. .Auspicious AGNI, all good things
proceed from
thee, like branches (from the trunk) of
a tree, re-
nowned riches, vigour for the destruction
of foes, the
rain of heaven: thou art to be glorified,
the sender of
the waters.
2. Bo thou, who art adorable,¹ bestow
upon us
precious wealth: beautiful with radiance,
thou passest
(around) like the circumambient
(wind): thou,
divine AGNI, art like MITRA, the giver of
abundant
water and ample wealth.
3. That man, the protector of the
virtuous, de-
stroys, AGNI, his enemy by his strength,
and baffles,
intelligent, the. might of (the *Asurd*)
PANI, whom
thou, the wise, the parent of sacrifice,
consentient with
the grandson of the waters,² encouragest
(in the hope)
of riches.
4. The mortal who by praise, by prayers,
by sacri-
fices, attracts, Son of strength, thy
heightened (ra-
diance) to the altar, enjoys all-sufficiency
and com,
and abounds in wealth.
5. Grant, Son of strength, to men (who
praise thee),
those abundant viands and excellent
descendants,
(that may contribute) to their prosperity:
grant also
that copious sustenance from cattle,
which by thy,

* *Twam Bhago na* might be rendered, thou like
Bhaga but
the scholiast makes the first an adjective,
bkajaniya, to be wor-
shipped or propitiated, and considers *na* as »«,
us.

² *Sajoshd naptrdpdm*, the grandson of the
waters is said here
to mean the lightning, *vidyutdgñind*
sangata+ttoam, thou associ-
ated with the lightning-fire.'

>X)L. lit

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